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Serial No.: 09/470,645
Filed: December 22, 1999

COMPUTER DIRECTORY SYSTEM HAVING AN

APPLICATION INTEGRATION

DRIVER INFRASTRUCTURE

Examiner: Cao, Diem K.

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In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.



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Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

- 1. Amendment in response to the October 3, 2003, Office Action;
- 2. Transmittal sheet in duplicate; and
- 3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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